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BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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Reading for Pleasure and Norfolk Reading Trail collections

The Summer Reading Challenge taking place in Norfolk libraries creates a real buzz around reading for pleasure. The challenge to schools is maintaining this buzz when the summer holidays finish, when certificates and medals have been awarded and children have returned to classrooms.



Left: 200 books with a overall value of £1548.

Above: £250 worth of books!

This is where the Education Library Service can help. We offer fantastic collections of reading for pleasure books, both fiction and non-fiction titles, that will inspire your pupils to keep reading. Collections of **200 books**, delivered into school and retained for a calendar year, cost just **£250**. That's only **£1.25 a book!**

These collections will be collated by ELS staff and will contain a wide selection of books at all levels to support reading for pleasure include poetry, graphic novels and Early Years Collections (at your request). This service offers you the chance to be flexible, enabling you to stock your library and classrooms with a brilliant collection of books in quantities to suit your budget.



We also have the **Norfolk Reading Trail**, a reading package encouraging pupils to discover 'real' books across a variety of genres and themes, charting their success on their own map of Norfolk. The aim is to encourage whole families with reading, linking activities in a fun and positive way. Each participating class will receive a bespoke collection of books to borrow for a school term with the materials (maps, stickers and certificate templates) and a guide for teachers. Each collection costs £100.



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Buying ELS Services– Anytime!

If you're in need of project boxes or additional book resources this academic term, don't forget that you can purchase tokens for use toward our ELS services at any time during the year.

We are flexible with the services we offer and if you are interested in a service that doesn't quite match your requirements or budget please do get in touch to see if we can offer something that suits you better. There is nothing to lose in asking!

Wordless Picture Books

In 2012, IBBY (the International Board on Books for Young People) launched their Silent Books project an international initiative to create a library of books with no text at all, allowing them to be enjoyed by readers regardless of their native language. You can find more information about the IBBY Lampedusa Silent Books project here: www.ibby.org/awards-activities/activities/silent-books

As a result, national sections of IBBY are asked to nominate and submit the best silent books published in their home country, a process which now takes place every two years.

[The School Library Association](#) recently shared the selection made by [IBBY UK](#) noting that *"wordless picture books have become an excellent tool not only for second language teaching, but also for early readers and anyone who enjoys visual stories. Most importantly though, these books can enhance visual literacy skills and their art, aesthetically pleasing as it is, can attract both children and adults"*.

We were pleased to discover that the five nominated titles are books that we already had on our shelves, alongside many other brilliant wordless books. If you're interested in borrowing a selection to support EAL or any other students in your school, then do get in touch.

The IBBY UK nominated titles for 2021 are:

- *Dandelion's Dream* by Yoko Tanaka
- *The Midnight Fair* by Gideon Sterer, illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio
- *Hike* by Pete Oswald
- *Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell
- *Wanderer* by Peter Van den Ende



On a similar note, we enjoyed a recent TES article about how wordless books can help build confidence in EAL pupils.

In it, teacher Jess Gosling provides a lengthy outline of how she's used wordless titles in classroom settings via guided reading, encouraging discussion around things like the book's cover, as well as the story across each page. She notes how this not only supports the children's speech and language development, but also their overall comprehension of English as an additional language. It's a lovely read with lots of useful tips on how you might like to use these kinds of books with your own students.

Find it in here: www.tes.com/news/how-wordless-books-build-confidence-eal-students-school-eyfs

Heritage Open Days: Edible England

[Heritage Open Days](#), 10th-19th September, is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together local people, organisations and volunteers. Taking place annually every September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It's a great chance to try out new experiences and best of all, it's FREE!

This year the theme is Edible England, focusing on our nation's culinary heritage. In celebration, our colleagues at the Norfolk Heritage Centre at the Millennium Library are hosting an online event on **Saturday 18th September** at 12noon titled **Norwich: City of Chocolate**.

Discover more about the history of chocolate-making in Norwich with our free family event on Facebook Premiere. Through the twentieth century, Caley's, Rowntree-Mackintosh and Nestle employed thousands of people and filled the city's streets with the smell of chocolate.

Join the team as they examine items from the Norfolk Heritage Centre collections that tell that story, and be inspired to design and produce your own chocolate wrapper. Suitable for families with children aged 7+, live on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesForFamilies

UK Literacy Association Award Winners 2021

The UKLA Awards are unique for being the only national awards judged by class teachers and this year, the judging process went virtual with participating teachers meeting online to discuss the nominated titles. Though the pandemic impacted the normal judging process for the second year in a row, the UKLA themselves note that the teachers involved remained as enthusiastic as ever, discussing at length the importance of sharing quality texts with their students. Selections were made from an inclusive range of publishers, with both fiction and non-fiction books reflecting a wide range of perspectives, voices and experiences. For more info: <https://ukla.org/awards/>

The 3-6 + category was won by Look Up! by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola, with the 7-10 category award going to Stewart Foster's Check Mates, a sensitive portrayal of ADHD. For the first time ever the 11-14+ category had two joint winners: Run Rebel by Manjeet Mann and The Last Paper Crane by Kerry Drewery, a survivor story about Hiroshima.



The winner for the category of Information Books 3-14+ was The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson, a very impactful poetry book which judges noted could be used creatively across the whole age range to discuss Black history.

Our Norfolk ELS Blog

Don't forget to visit our blog, **The Book Trolley**, where you'll find lots of helpful links, literacy news, and reviews of a wide range of reading material, from early years through to teen reads.

As well as weekly posts during term time, it also hosts an archive of our previous newsletters in case you need to catch up on past editions you may have missed.

Bookmark it here: norfolkels.wordpress.com

We'd love to hear what you'd like to see on the blog going forward so if you have any thoughts and ideas, let us know!

